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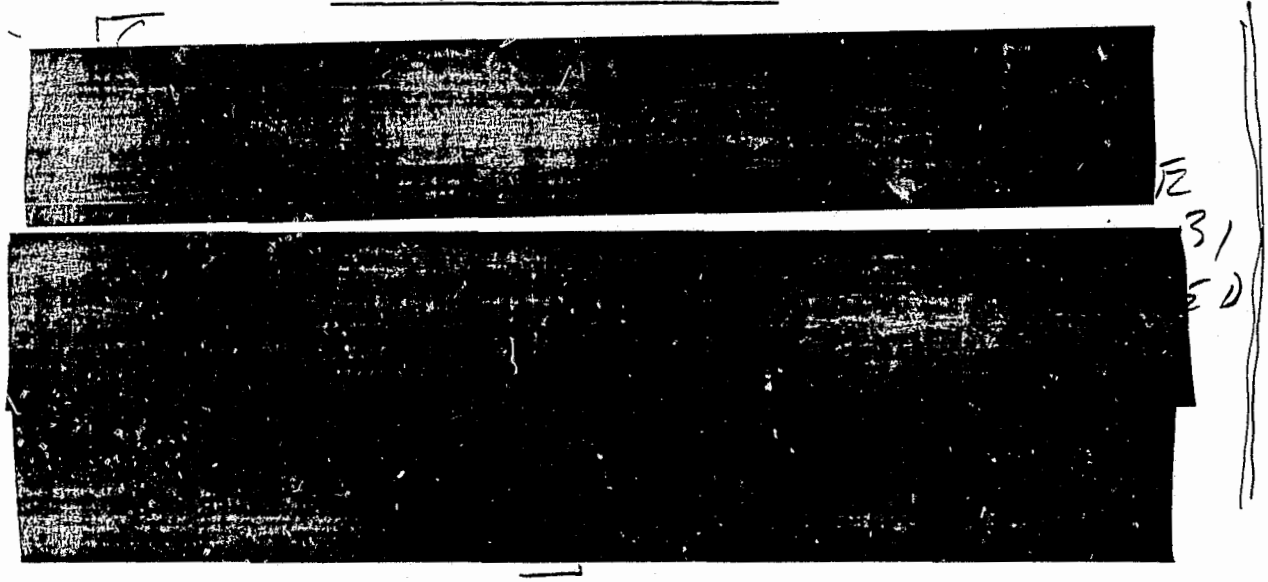
The most picturesque of all was in the darkroom of the Photographic Section. For six years the same German employees there have celebrated the Christmas season. They are the only ones I visited who had a table and seemed to be seriously engaged in eating and drinking. They were [redacted] gay and sentimental, with music, singing, photography and general merriment.

Tuesday, December 24, 1957



At noon Mrs. Ransom [redacted] generously arranged an office party within the orbit of her Christmas tree. Thirteen of us drank excellent French champagne, and the prospect of a real holiday was rosy.

The weather is beautiful, so we gave the puppies a long walk this afternoon, before distributing presents to the household staff, gardeners, chauffeur, night watchman, trash collectors, etc. It

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